



## **Keep McIntosh Beautiful Abandoned Buildings Program (ABP) (rev. 5/6/23)**

### **INFORMATION and STEPS in the ABP Process**

Keep McIntosh Beautiful (KMB) is a self-funded, non-profit organization. We are not a government agency. Providing grants to eliminate unsafe and unsightly abandoned buildings is only one of our programs and funds are limited. KMB uses the following criteria to approve and prioritize grants:

- The building or mobile home must be in McIntosh County, Ga., be abandoned (unlived in), and beyond repair.
- Applicant must show clear ownership of the structure to be removed
- Project grants are evenly distributed throughout McIntosh County on an annual basis
- Projects must be in highly visible locations and improve the surrounding neighborhood

If your application meets these criteria and is accepted, you will be assigned a KMB representative who will provide help and information about the **NEXT STEPS** below.

**DEMOLITION PERMIT** Owner must get a Demolition Permit from either the McIntosh County Building and Zoning Department or the City of Darien, depending on where the structure is located. All property taxes on the structure must be up to date to receive a permit. Submit a copy of the Permit to Keep McIntosh Beautiful.

**TOTAL REMOVAL COST and GRANT TO OWNER** Keep McIntosh Beautiful will negotiate a total removal cost with a local demolition contractor, which includes demolition of the structure(s), removal of the debris to the McIntosh County landfill, and any materials salvage. Owner is offered a Grant from Keep McIntosh Beautiful for a portion of the total cost and the owner is responsible for the remainder. ABP Grants typically range from 25-50% of the total cost.

**REMOVAL OF CONTENTS IN STRUCTURE, YARD DEBRIS and ACCESS** Owner is responsible for clearing out and disposing of all contents in the structure, including furniture, personal items, trash, etc., as well as debris, trash, tires, non-working vehicles etc., BEFORE DEMOLITION. If the structure is surrounded by trees or other vegetation, there must be a clear path to, and space around, the structure to give the Contractor clear access for demolition and removal. (Contractor reserves the right to refuse a demolition where contents, trash and obstructions have not been cleared.)

**DISCONNECTION OF UTILITIES** Owner is responsible for disconnection of utilities (power lines, gas lines, etc.) at the structure, and removing any hazards before demolition can take place.

**GRANT AGREEMENT and OWNER PAYMENT** When the steps above have been completed KMB will draft an Agreement detailing the terms of the removal, including the cost to the owner. KMB will meet with you to sign the Agreement and receive your portion of the removal cost. Payment can be made by cash, check or money order.

**DEMOLITION and REMOVAL DATE** **\*\*Only after the steps above have been completed,** will arrangements be made for a date to proceed with the demolition and removal of the structure.